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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1004-0179**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Helium Contracts**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), to renew control number 1004-0179, “Helium Contracts.”

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W., Room 2134LM, Washington DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; or by email to [jesonnem@blm.gov](mailto:jesonnem@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0179 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Samuel R.M. Burton by email at [sburton@blm.gov](mailto:sburton@blm.gov), or by

telephone at 806-356-1002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* The BLM needs to collect information in order to implement in-kind sales of helium in accordance with the Helium Stewardship Act (50 U.S.C. 167 – 167q) and 43 CFR Part 3195.

*Title of Collection:* Helium Contracts.

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0179.

*Form Numbers:* 3195-1, 3195-2, 3195-3, and 3195-4.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private helium merchants that sell a major helium requirement (i.e., an amount of refined helium greater than 200,000 standard cubic feet of refined gaseous helium or 7,510 liters of liquid helium) to a Federal agency or to private helium purchasers for use in Federal Government contracts.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 22.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 60.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 4-8 hours, depending on activity.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 272.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:*

- Quarterly for the Refined Helium Deliveries Detail;
- Annually for the Calculation of Excess Refining Capacity and Refiners' Annual Tolling Report; and
- On occasion for the Refiners' Tolling Occurrence Report.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.



An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq*).

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